OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION, 1118.

Thursday, *the* *25th March 1943.*
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The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at Eleven of the clock with the Hon'ble President (A. F. W. Dixon Esq., C.I.E., I.C.S.,) in the Chair.

Mrs. K. Joshua, Messrs. K. R. Achyutan, C. J. Luiz, H. J. Walmesley and N. V. Subbarayan Chetty were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

OFFICE OF THE A. R. P. OFFICER—STRENGTH OF STAFF, ETC.

159. Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the strength of the Office of the A. R. P. Officer with a caste-war statement showing permanent posts, with their qualifications and their present pay;

(*b*) are any of them given any grade, promotion, enhancement of pay or allowance, after taking to the A. R. P. Department;

(*c*) if so, is that particular incumbent appointed by the Staff Selection Board;

(*d*) how many years of service he has got in Government service;

(*e*) what was his first appointment in the Government service and who appointed him?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* (*a*) The strength of the A. R. P. Office, Ernakulam is 13, including the Special A. R. P. Officer. A statement containing the required information is appended.

*(*b*) Yes. (Vide foot note to appendix).

(*c*) No.

(*d*) and (*e*) The information required is given in the appendix.

HILL PADDY SCHEME—LANDS TAKEN FROM PRIVATE PERSONS—COMPLAINTS AGAINST

160. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether lands allowed by the Forest Department to be cultivated with *modan* and other food stuffs in the year 1117 and actually cultivated by them have been taken out of their hands in the scheme of the hill paddy cultivation;

(*b*) have not complaints concerning these matters reached the Government;

(*c*) what relief has been given to the persons adversely affected?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) In the lands actually taken up for cultivation under the Hill Paddy Scheme there is no reason for the persons to complain of being adversely affected.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know what exactly is meant by the statement that persons from whose possession lands occupied by them last year were taken are not adversely affected. Will you please explain?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Lands were given for one year and if they have done any work for continuing the cultivation this year those lands the Government do not propose to evict. They may continue provided that the large blocks that the Government are cultivating will not be adversely affected by any small stray cultivator coming in the midst. Therefore, if any one has already done any work for cultivation in the current year he will be allowed to cultivate. The Government do not propose to send him out. After all the idea of the Government is to produce as much paddy as possible and the Government will only be very glad if people are doing it.

*See appendix

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APPENDIX

(Please see answer to question No. 159)

Caste-war Statement of the staff in the A. R. P. Office, Ernakulam

Designation	Caste	Permanent post	Qualification	Present pay Rs.	Length of service	First appointment	By whom appointed
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1. Special A.R.P. Officer	Romo Syrian	Deputy Commissioner of Police	B.A., B.L.	350-500 (410)	17 years	Probationary Inspector of Police	Government
2. Head clerk	Ezhuva	Clerk, Huzur Secretariat	B.A.	60-80 (60)	12 „	Attender, Huzur Secretariat	Secretary to the Diwan
3. Accountant	Romo Syrian	Attender, C.F.A.'s Office (Rs. 15-20)	B.A.	40-60 (40)	9 „	Apprentice in the C.F.A.'s Office	Comptroller of Finance & Accounts
4. Clerk	Nayar	Clerk, Police Commissioner's Office (Rs. 25-40)	S.S.L.C.	40-60 (40)	14 „	II class Constable, Police Department	Commissioner of Police
5. „	Jacobite Syrian	III class Constable, Police Department	Intermediate	40	6 „	Recruit, Police Department	„
6. „	Tamil Brahmin	Nil	B.A.	25-40 (25)	„	„	„
7. Typist clerk	„	Nil	S.S.L.C., Short-hand Type-writing (Lower) M.G.T.E.	25-40 (25)	3 „	Attender, Diwan's Personal Staff	Diwan
8. Clerk	Viswakarmala	Nil	S.S.L.C.	25-40 (25)	4 „	Attender, Government Press	Secretary to Government
9. „	Nayar	Nil	S.S.L.C.	25	„	„	„
10. Store clerk	Ezhuva	Nil	S.S.L.C.	20	„	„	„
11. Peon	Romo Syrian	Nil	Studied up to Class IV	12	„	„	„
12. „	Ezhuva	Nil	Preparatory Class	12	„	„	„
13. „	Latin Xian	Nil	Studied up to Class IV	12	„	„	„

N.B.—Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8 in the above list were given either grade, promotion or enhancement of pay consequent on their appointment in A.R.P.